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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR SOVIET JEWS BOUND FOR U.S.

1. SUMMARY: ISRAELI EMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR PEDAZHUR MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE ON APRIL 4. HE ASKED WHETHER AMERICAN VISAS FOR SOVIET JEWS WISHING TO EMIGRATE TO U.S. COULD BE ISSUED IN VIENNA RATHER THAN MOSCOW.

2. PEDAZHUR NOTED THAT THOSE SOVIET JEWS WHO HAVE OBTAINED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL BUT WHO INTEND TO GO TO U.S. OBTAIN BOTH AN ISRAELI VISA THROUGH DUTCH EMBASSY AND A STAMP (PRO-FORMA PRE-PAROLE STAMP) FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY. HE EXPLAINED THAT GOI HAS EVIDENCE THAT SOME (HE DID NOT SAY HOW MANY) WOULD-BE EMIGRANTS WHO HAVE BOTH STAMPS HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES WITH FRAUD AND OTHERWISE HARASSED. HE IMPLIED THAT PROBLEM COULD INCREASE

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AS NUMBER OF EMIGRES SEEKING TO COME TO U.S. INSTEAD OF

ISRAEL INCREASES. PEDAZHUR ASKED WHETHER SOVIET JEWS WHO COME TO EMBASSY MOSCOW COULD BE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR U.S. VISA IN VIENNA INSTEAD. HE SAID GOI HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING WITH FREE WILL OF EACH INDIVIDUAL EMIGRANT BUT WANTED TO AVOID GIVING SOVIETS EXCUSE TO FURTHER CURTAIL EMIGRATION.

3. ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT EMBASSY COULD POSSIBLY WARN SOVIET JEWS OF PROBLEMS THEY MIGHT ENCOUNTER BY TRYING TO EXIT WITH BOTH U.S. AND ISRAELI VISAS BUT SAID WE MIGHT WELL HAVE PROBLEMS IN TELLING PEOPLE WHO POSSESS VALID EXIT DOCUMENTS THAT WE WOULD NOT GIVE THEM THE STAMP IN MOSCOW. HE SAID WE WOULD LOOK FURTHER INTO MATTER.

4. ORM ADVISES THAT PROCEDURE OF GRANTING PRO-FORMA PRE-PAROLE STAMP IN MOSCOW IS BASICALLY A CONVENIENCE SO THAT EMIGRES DESTINED FOR U.S. CAN BE MORE EASILY IDENTIFIED IN VIENNA. IF THIS PROCEDURE CAUSES DIFFICULTY FOR EMIGRANTS, SAME RESULT COULD CONCEIVABLY BE ACHIEVED BY ANOTHER METHOD, E.G. EMBASSY COULD TAKE NAMES AND CABLE THEM TO VIENNA.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY MOSCOW COMMENTS ON ABOVE. RUSH

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